

# City Administrator Monthly Update June 2013

**By City Administrator Mike Story** 



# **Administration**

## **Holiday Observance**

All City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Monday, July 8. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



# **City Clerk**

## Healthy Rialto - Tennis Lessons for Kids 10 and Under

Parents, sign up your children ages 10 years and younger to learn the basics of tennis with fun activities! This free 6-week course begins Wednesday, July 10 with classes held on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Students will have fun learning good hand-eye coordination, grips, stroke, and other basics of tennis.



Registration will be held June 22 and 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, at 290 W. Rialto Avenue. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office – (909) 820-2519.

### Rialto Network - Channel 3

Rialto Network has won 2 video programming awards from (SCAN NATOA) States of California and Nevada chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner for: Public Safety (-\$400) – "Every 15 Minutes" at Carter High School

 $3^{\text{rd}}$  Place Winner for: Elections - Community Pulse "Measure V"



Staff worked with the Police and the Fire Departments on their demonstration to students on the hazards of drunk driving - "Every 15 Minutes". They also worked with Cable Advisory Commissioner Erlinda Patterson on the program that she hosts, "Community Pulse", which the City Administrator, Police Chief & Fire Chief used as one avenue to communicate to the public the need for the Petroleum Tax.

# **Administrative & Community Services**

#### **Finance**

The Finance Division has been working with all of the departments to prepare the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Budget Plan. On June 5, a public workshop was held to provide the City Council the opportunity to review the draft budget and make recommendations that will be incorporated in the Final Budget approval scheduled for June 25.

The Finance Division is also working with the City's current auditors, Macias, Gini and O'Connell, to complete the Fiscal Year 2011/12 financial statements. The financial statements are preliminarily scheduled to be presented to the Council at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The City Council has also hired a new Auditor. The firm of Diehl, Evans, White, Nelson LLP has been selected to perform the City's annual audit beginning in Fiscal Year 2012/13. Their contract was approved for three years with the option to extend for two additional one-year extensions. The audit process typically begins 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30 of each year.

#### Recreation

### 2013 Senior Wellness Expo

The City of Rialto Racquet & Fitness Center and Healthway's Silversneakers® Fitness Program co-hosted a free, fun and inspirational Senior Wellness Expo for the Rialto senior community on May 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fitness Center. More than 100 attendees had the opportunity to educate themselves and interact with a variety of over 35 vendors presenting their resources and information in fun and interactive ways. Workshops on Senior Fitness Goals and Senior Nutrition Planning were conducted by

Kristin Murray and Morgan McGhee, respectively. Attendees were also invited to tour the senior-friendly Racquet & Fitness Center. Over 35 outstanding raffle prizes donated by vendors were won by lucky attendees. The Expo was wrapped up with a free "Age of Champions" movie screening. This award-winning documentary follows five competitors who sprint, leap and swim for gold at the National Senior Olympics.



# Hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in the Park

This event will be packed with fun and excitement for the entire family! Spend the evening with us at Rialto City Park and enjoy live music, family games, food-eating contests, train rides, petting zoo, Kids Fun Zone, Safe & Sane fireworks, and much more! The overall event is *FREE* and there are some fee-based rides and vendors, also. Please join us Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 9:00 pm at Rialto City Park.

## 2nd Annual Children's Safety Fair

On Saturday May 18, 2013 the Recreation and Community Services Division hosted the second annual Children's Safety Fair at the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event included 28 safety information booths, swim competitions, a drowning prevention demonstration, a water safety lesson, Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center tours, safety seminars and car seat safety checks. Master of Ceremonies Corporal Nelson kicked off the event with an energetic welcome to all in attendance. The first event of the day was the beginning level swim meet inside the Tom Sawyer pool where beginning swim students demonstrated their new water skills. Following the swim meet, a drowning prevention demonstration was conducted by Tom Sawyer Pool staff and Rialto Fire Department staff providing spectators with information on how to prevent drowning and other water related injuries. Event attendees were also invited to tour the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center facility; those who toured received a complimentary 1 week pass to the facility. The event also included an advanced swim

meet among advanced swim lesson students as well as two informative seminars. The first seminar focused on Anti-bullying and the second seminar "Food for Thought," focused on the benefits of healthy eating and the importance of good nutrition.

The Children's Safety Fair concluded with an event raffle in which The Children's Safety Fair concluded with an event raffle in which children had the opportunity to win life jackets, and a variety of sports equipment. Thanks to the Police Department and the incredible support from the Fire Department and CHP, over 40 car seat safety checks were conducted. The event proved to be a success and all in attendance had a great time. We look forward to this annual event will continuing to provide children's health and safety information to the community for years to come.

### Recreation and Parks Commission

Congratulations to Commissioner Joe Britt and Commissioner Clifford DeVost who were recently elected by their peers to the position of Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, for the City of Rialto Recreation and Parks Commission.

The duties of the commission are to:

- Act in an advisory capacity to the city council in matters pertaining to parks, public recreation and community services activities;
- Formulate policies on recreation, parks and social services for consideration by the city council;
- Aid in coordinating the recreation and community services with the programs of other governmental agencies and voluntary organizations;
- Provide recommendations to the city council for such long-term capital outlay as may be necessary to provide for an orderly and coordinated park development program.

Citizens are welcome to attend Recreation and Parks Commission meetings which are held at Rialto City Hall (Council Chambers) on the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm.

# **Police Department**

# City-Sourced "App"



City-Sourced delivers custom mobile reporting applications to our residents across all the major smart-phone platforms (iPhone, Android, Blackberry, & Windows Phone). City-Sourced provides a simple platform empowering residents to identify public safety issues (gang activity, narcotics activity, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, etc.) and report them to the Police Department, Code Enforcement, or Public Works for resolution. This application is NOW available! For more visit our website at <a href="https://www.rialtopd.com">www.rialtopd.com</a>.

## Reminder - Rialto PD is on

facebook

Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the

community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD.

# **City Child Safety Event**

On Saturday, May 18, the Police Department participated in the City Children's Safety Fair. This event was held at the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center and included a car-seat safety check, lifequard rescue demonstrations, and water safety lessons.



## **Pride Platoon Boot Camp Graduation**

Thursday, May 16, 2013, was the graduation ceremony for Class 006 - of the Pride Platoon Boot Camp. The PRIDE program is specifically designed to deal with "at-risk" vouth. It utilizes proactive and innovative techniques for positive redirection. Overseen



by Rialto Police personnel, the 14-week program offers treatment, prevention, and disciplinary components to alter negative behavior. The PRIDE program concentrates on high school and middle school aged juveniles who are referred to the program through the courts, probation, schools, parents, or other references.

# Friends of the Rialto Branch Library

On Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 6:00 pm, the Friends of the Rialto Library presented the "Murder of the Mystery Detectives." This was a great night of intrigue and mystery, not to mention our own Lieutenant Dean Hardin starring as Detective Sam Slade. Thanks to everyone involved.



### Office of Traffic Safety – Selective Enforcement Grant 2013

The Police Department has applied for, and been awarded, the Selective Traffic



Enforcement Grant for FY 2013/2014. This grant will address distracted driving to include texting and cell phone use along with DUI's. The grant award is \$159,804.00.

# 11th Annual Memorial Day Tribute

On Monday, May 27, 2013, the Police Department participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Tribute. This event, held at the Rialto Park Cemetery, was a huge success.



## Special Olympics – Law Enforcement Torch Run 2013

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is to increase awareness and raise funds for the Special Olympics movement. Each year, the LETR initiative grows bigger and better. The LETR is a running event in which officers and athletes carry the Flame of Hope to the Opening Ceremony of Special Olympics local



competitions, state and provincial Games, and National Summer or Winter Games. Overall, the LETR initiative encompasses a variety of fundraising vehicles. These include T-shirt and merchandise sales, donations and pledges for runners who participate in the LETR. corporate partnerships, and special events such as Polar Plunge®,

Tip-A-Cop®, World's Largest Truck Convoy ®, Cops on Top®, golf tournaments and other events that have extensive local appeal.

# **Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant FY13**

Assistance Grant Program (JAG). JAG funds can be used for local law enforcement programs; technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, or information systems for criminal justice. This grant award is \$36,503.

## City of Moore, Oklahoma - Disaster Relief

On May 20, 2013, the City of Moore, Oklahoma suffered a direct hit by a tornado. Spearheaded by the Rialto Communications Unit, the department put together relief and support packages consisting of gift cards, backpacks, gloves and boots, men's and women's clothing, toiletries, and shoes. These items were sent directly to the police department to be distributed to the community. Thanks to Communications Supervisor Angela Haddad for making this happen.



## **Gun Buy Back Program**

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the Rialto Police Department in partnership with the Fontana and Colton Police Departments, participated in the first county-wide gun buyback program. Gun owners received Stater Bros. gift cards of \$50 for inoperable



weapons, \$100 for handguns, shotguns and rifles, and \$200 for assault weapons. This was part of a regional buy-back program that encompassed all agencies within the Inland Empire. The Rialto location took in 180 weapons: 73 rifles, 32 handguns, 68 shotguns, and 7 assault weapons. The total county-wide was 1,424 weapons surrendered; 23 being assault weapons.

#### Officer of the Year

On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the Rialto Exchange Club will be hosting a luncheon to honor the Police Department's Officer of the Year – Corporal Cameron Nelson. Please join us in congratulating Corporal Nelson on this recognition.



## **DUI Checkpoint - Office of Traffic Safety**

On Friday, May 31, 2013, the Police Departments Traffic Unit conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 1400 block of W. Foothill Blvd. Two arrests were made for DUI and one for outstanding warrants. This checkpoint was sponsored by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

### **Rialto PD Partners with Fuel for Success**

Fuel for Success has several different law enforcement agencies throughout the United States working together with our youth. The program is much more than visits to the race tracks. A wide variety of activities are constantly being implemented to reach out to the students. Scholarships are also a part of the program. A special thanks to Joey Logano and the crew of the Number 22 Shell – Pennzoil Car!





# **Fire Department**

## **Fireworks Safety**

Whether it is the sparkle of the bright lights, or the thunderous boom of the explosion, there is no denying the thrill that fireworks can bring to an Independence Day celebration. Unfortunately, when fireworks are misused, injuries and property damage can occur. A <u>special study</u> conducted by the Consumer Products Safety Commission found that 65 percent of all fireworks injuries in 2011 were sustained during the 30 days surrounding the Independence Day holiday. More than half of these injuries were the result of unexpected ignition of the device or consumers not using fireworks as intended.



In addition, non-Safe and Sane fireworks are ILLEGAL for use by anyone other than licensed, trained professionals that are permitted to discharge them. Safe and Sane fireworks stands will be open throughout Rialto from June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. Safe and Sane fireworks are defined as those fireworks that don't fly, travel or explode. Fountains, sparklers, snakes and smoke effects, ground spinners, snap pops and other novelty fireworks fit this description.

However, firecrackers, rockets, roman candles, shells, and other aerial effects are NOT considered safe and sane fireworks. Anyone found with these illegal fireworks will be cited and the fireworks confiscated. The Fire and Police departments will be patrolling the City throughout the holiday period to ensure compliance with our rules on fireworks use.

**IF YOU SEE ANYONE LIGHTING WHAT APPEARS TO BE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS DURING THE 4**<sup>th</sup>, please call the Fire Department immediately using our **Fireworks Hotline at (909) 421-7245.** Operators there will take the information and dispatch personnel to investigate and take appropriate action. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 to report illegal fireworks unless you also suspect a fire, injury, or serious crime.

# Firefighter of the Year – CAPTAIN ART PODUSKA

Each year, the Fire Department takes nominations from department members to identify firefighters who exemplify the leadership, commitment, and skills that represent the best of the Rialto Fire Department. The nominations are then reviewed by a committee made up of all ranks of the Fire Department to pick one of the candidates to be the Firefighter of the Year. It's never an easy task because we have many deserving people in this organization. After careful



consideration, however, the Fire Department is happy to announce the selection of **Fire Captain Art Poduska** for 2013 Firefighter of the Year. Captain Poduska was chosen by the Committee based on his exemplary performance, initiative, commitment, and customer. He was noted as a standout when it comes to dedication to the community and leadership in the department. Captain Poduska will be recognized as this year's Firefighter of the Year by the Rialto Exchange Club on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm at the Sizzler restaurant in Rialto.

## Fire Department Strategic Plan

The Fire Department is proud to share their strategic plan that provides a road map for the future of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the City of Rialto. The plan is designed to take a realistic look at the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the department and the community, and identify specific, measurable steps to address them. As part on an ongoing process, the Fire Department will soon begin another planning phase that will cover the five-year period that begins where the current plan ends. We look forward to gathering input on our planning process from a broad array of community stakeholders. To view the current plan, go to:

http://www.rialtoca.gov/development\_6225.php .

### **Notable Incidents**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm, Rialto fire personnel responded to a traffic collision in the 600 block of E. Holly Dr. On arrival, firefighters found a pickup truck that had crashed into a home, affecting the corner of an attached garage. The driver had fled the scene but was apprehended by Rialto P.D. The suspect was treated for injuries sustained in the crash and transported by Rialto Fire paramedics to an area hospital. The garage had to be



stabilized before the truck could be removed. Building and Safety personnel responded to the scene for damage assessment and provided assistance to the residents

## **Apartment Fire**

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm, Rialto firefighters responded to 268 N. Spruce Avenue for a structure fire. On arrival, fire crews found heavy fire and smoke showing from two upstairs windows of an apartment building. An aggressive fire attack was initiated which





kept the fire to the apartment of origin. All occupants escaped unharmed and no firefighters were injured. The Red Cross responded to assist the

residents who were displaced by the fire. Rialto Fire investigation personnel on scene for fire cause and origin; the cause of the fire is undetermined and is currently under investigation.

## **Interdepartmental Training**

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, Rialto firefighters participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Interface Operations Preparedness Exercise sponsored by the San Bernardino County Training Officers Association. The drill location was in Cedar Glen near Lake Arrowhead where training focused on structure defense, structure triage, hose lays, aircraft utilization, safety, and communications. Brush Engine 204 was utilized in these drills and focused on the importance of working together as a crew and part of a strike team assignment.



Rialto firefighters also participated in Live Fire Exercise on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> in North Fontana. Subject areas of instruction were topics such as hand crew and dozer operations, air operations, and tactics and strategy.



This training is vital to all firefighters in this region due to the frequent occurrence of wild land fires in this area.

# Rialto Firefighters Raised Over \$29,000 for Muscular Dystrophy

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, Rialto fire personnel participated in the "Fill the Boot" drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This important event raises money towards research and assistance to families affected by Muscular Dystrophy. This year, Rialto firefighters had raised over \$29,000 during this 3 day event, breaking last year's collection record! The Rialto Firefighters want to extend their thanks to the community for their generosity in contributing so much to a worthy cause.





# **Development Services Department**

# City Attracts Retailers at International Conference of Shopping Centers

Rialto sponsored a booth at the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference in Las Vegas on May 20-22, 2013 to market the City to retail developers and tenants. Mayor Robertson and Development Services Staff participated in this year's event, which was attended by 35,000 participants, including retailers, property owners, developers and others involved in the commercial retail business.

Rialto marketed its opportunities in one-on-one meetings with current and prospective developers, tenants, and shopping center owners. The Rialto booth contained a multimedia display, which provided attendees with information on various new retail and commercial development opportunities in the City, as well as excerpts from interviews with local businesses from the Mayor's "Economic Heartbeat" show.

In past years, the City used the ICSC convention to initiate discussions with tenants such as Starbucks, In-N-Out Burger, Panda Express, Subway, McDonalds, Target, and Wal-Mart. All of these retailers have since developed or plan to develop in Rialto. This year, Rialto encountered more interest than usual because the City had prepared lots immediately available for sale, with In-N-Out Burger under construction. The



City took the unusual role of developing a shopping center itself, selling off pads directly to various retail and restaurant uses.

The City of Rialto participates annually at the International Council of Shopping Centers trade show in Las Vegas to market land for development and space in existing shopping centers.

## In-N-Out Burger Closes Escrow and Commences Construction

On May 8, 2013 In-N-Out Burger closed escrow on the northeast corner of Riverside Avenue and Easton Avenue. In-N-Out Burger immediately pulled building permits and commenced construction, with its grand opening expected by September, 2013. The City continues its work to complete the on-site improvements for the retail center, which will contain two other development parcels. The City should complete construction of the on-site improvements by the end on July, 2013. A 95-foot freeway sign will also be built as part of the project and should be completed by November, 2013, providing exposure for In-N-Out and other tenants of the project. The sign will be located on a portion of the City's water tank parcel and will contain a Sprint/Nextel cellular facility that was displaced from the original Fire Station #202 site.





Two views of the construction underway to build the first In-N-Out Burger in the City of Rialto. The restaurant is expected to open by September, 2013. The larger site will accommodate 2-3 additional retail and restaurant tenants.

# **New Market will Replace Regency Theater**

The Regency Theater, which operated for many years in the Rialto Towne Plaza Shopping Center, will soon be replaced by a new 40,000 square foot grocery store. Reliable Properties, which owns the shopping center, has begun work to convert the old theater building into a 40,000 square foot neighborhood market. The owner would not disclose the actual name of the new market that will occupy the site, but did indicate that the major renovation and improvements to the building would be completed by the end of the year.

## **Enertech Biosolids Facility to be Auctioned Off to Repay Creditors**

In 2006, the City and the Redevelopment Agency partnered with Enertech Environmental Inc. ("Enertech") to remediate the Rialto Municipal Landfill adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City excavated the landfill and relocated the debris to the appropriate landfill facility. This "clean" closure eliminated the City's obligation to monitor the site in perpetuity to ensure that leaching did not contaminate

the groundwater basin. The total cost of the closure was \$5.7 million, with Enertech contributing \$1.7 million and the Redevelopment Agency contributed \$4.0 million.

After landfill closure in 2007, Enertech secured financing from investors and constructed the Regional Biosolids Recycling Facility on the 6.4-acre site. In 2009, the Facility commenced operations. Unfortunately, the Facility encountered a variety of technology and equipment maladies and never reached full utilization as contemplated under the various operating agreements with the City.

On October 11, 2012 Development Specialists, Inc ("DSI") informed the City that Enertech had ceased operations at the Facility and that DSI was designated as the Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors ("Assignee") to liquidate all of Enertech's assets, including the Facility An Assignee functions similar to a bankruptcy receiver by trying to sell the assets for the highest price possible to satisfy the claims of the various creditors. The Assignee has negotiated with various potential purchasers of the Facility since October and has reached an agreement with a consortium of entities that is willing to acquire the Facility and its equipment to auction off over the next four months. The Assignee expects to sell the Facility for a small fraction of Enertech's total outstanding debt obligations.



# **Planning Commission Summary**

During the month of May, the Planning Commission reviewed the following projects:

• Tentative Parcel Map No. 19402 - a request to consolidate nine parcels of land into one 29.50 acre parcel to construct a 600,000 square foot warehouse; Variance No. 698 to allow a thirteen foot increase in building height requirements, and Environmental Assessment Review No. 12 to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The applications were filed by Prologis. The project is located between Tamarind Avenue and Palmetto Avenue, 600 feet n/o Base Line Road.

- Conditional Development Permit No. 723 a request to establish a smoke shop in an existing building located at 548 West Foothill Boulevard. The site is located within the C-P (Commercial Pedestrian) zone of the Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan and the applicant is Mr. Rami Issa.
- <u>Conditional Development Permit No. 724</u> a request to establish a single price/discount store in an existing building located within the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The site is located at 1055 West Bloomington Avenue and the applicant is Dollar tree stores, Inc.

The Planning Division made a presentation regarding certain nuisance uses as defined in Section 18.66 of the Rialto Municipal Code. The Commission discussed location requirements for smoke shops, thrift stores, dollar stores, water stores and pawnshops. Maps showing the number and location of each type of store in the City were prepared and presented to the Commission. Currently national chain dollar stores require a 1-mile separation between similar establishments, sole proprietor dollar stores require a ½-mile separation and all other uses (smoke shops, thrift stores, water stores and pawnshops) require a ½-mile separation. The Commission requested a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss economic development opportunities.

## **New Businesses in May**

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of May, 2013. The City will send of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

Business Name	Address	Goods/Service
Pacific Soccer	993 West Valley #117	Retail
Tam's Burgers	180 East Baseline	Retail Food
One Snack Mart	200 West Foothill, #D4	Retail
Lamp Post Resource Group Inc.	322 South Sycamore	Professional
The Tire Factory	200 South Date	Tire and Wheel Sales
Manuel's Tire Wheels	333 West Foothill	Tire and Wheels
Mariscos El Restaurant	2012 North Riverside, #E	Restaurant
Emedia US Group LLC	223 South Riverside	Graphic Design
USCA Transports Inc.	3315 North Locust	Transportation
Cardinal Points Insurance	308 South Sycamore	Insurance
Rialto Jewelry Shop	463 East Foothill, #304	Jewelry Repair
Kimberly Cosmetics	463 East Foothill #605B	Retail
Ed's Route 66	875 East Foothill	Bar
Tovar Manufacturing Eng.	1260 North Fitzgerald, #208	Machine Shop
Nolasco Super Taco	435 South Riverside	Restaurant
DHSP Hana Enterprises	375 South Cactus	Consulting
Royal Smoke Shop	548 West Foothill	Tobacco Sales

#### No Permit Yard Sale Weekend

As of March 26, 2013 no permit is required for yard sales. Yard sales must take place on designated yard sale weekends only. The next "no-Permit" yard sale weekend will be held September 6-8.

There are a few rules that still apply:

- 1. All property offered for sale shall be stored and displayed on the premises.
- 2. Merchandise must be <u>used</u> personal items owned by the seller.
- 3. A maximum of two (2) signs, not more than four square feet in size, are permitted on the property during yard sale weekends.
- 4. Posting of garage sale signs on public property is unlawful such as parkways, greenbelts, bus benches, sidewalks, curbs, vehicle safety poles, signs, and stanchions, or upon any parked vehicle on a public street, alley, or parking lot, or upon utility poles.
- 5. Violation of the yard sale regulations is punishable as an infraction for first time and as a misdemeanor for multiple violations within one year.

For additional information, please contact:

Development Services Department / Business Licensing Division, 150 S. Palm Ave., Rialto, CA 92376, Phone – 820-1517, <a href="mailto:businesslicensing@rialtoca.gov">businesslicensing@rialtoca.gov</a>.

## Finding of Completion Received from the Department of Finance

On May 9, 2013, the State Department of Finance issued a Finding of Completion to the Successor Agency for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Rialto. The Finding of Completion ("FOC") is an important phase as part of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. It allows the agencies to utilize bond proceeds for eligible projects, reimburse the city for any loans owed, and prepare a property management plan for the retention of real estate assets for government purposes and the disposition for economic purposes of other real estate assets. The issuance of the FOC was a result of the Successor Agency dispensing beginning in July 2012 a total amount of \$21,000,000 to taxing entities for the "true up" payment, pass-through payment and the Due Diligence Review. The last payment of \$11,900,000 was made on May 8, 2013, as part of the Due Diligence Review of Other Cash.

Due to the FOC issuance, on May 17, 2013, the Department of Finance, as part of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, approved several bond-funded projects. Approved includes three previous denied projects, as follows: 1) Pepper Avenue extension; 2) I-10 Freeway/Riverside Avenue expansion; and, 3) the West Jackson Street multi-family revitalization. Staff is now preparing the property management plan for the Successor Agency's real estate assets. The plan must be submitted to the Oversight Board and the Department of Finance within six months of the issuance of the FOC.

#### **Inventory Down and Prices Increase for Rialto Housing Market**

The California Regional Multiple Listing Service reports that for the month of April, 2013 74 homes were sold in Rialto. This compares to 68 homes sold for the same month one year earlier. The average price per square foot of home sold in April, 2013 was \$127.92, compared to \$122.31 for the same month one year earlier. Rialto's housing market is slowly recovering along with the rest of the Inland Empire. Inventories are declining and the price of homes is increasing.

## Homebuyer Fair Scheduled for Saturday June 15

On June 15, the City of Rialto is sponsoring a homebuyer educational event at the Rialto Senior Center from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Homebuyers will learn about homeownership, the process to buy a home, and down payment assistance opportunities. The event will also pre-approve buyers for loans and provide real estate services. Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services and Chase Bank are cosponsoring the event. The Rialto Senior Center is located at 1411 S. Riverside Avenue. More information can be obtained by calling (909) 988-5979 or by calling John Dutrey, Housing Programs Manager, at (909) 820-8014.

## **Public Works**

# Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from January through November 2013 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The schedule of dates is as follows:

July 13, 2013	Fergusson Park	. 2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 10, 2013	Frisbie Park	. 1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 14, 2013	Birdsall Park	. 2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 12, 2013		
November 9, 2013	. Downtown Rialto	. Riverside & Rialto Avenues

# San Bernardino, Riverside and Willow Avenues Street and Storm Drain Improvements

On July 7, 2008 the City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), approved General Plan Amendment No. 32, Gateway Specific Plan Amendment No. 2 and Textual Amendment No. 3, and a Development Agreement (the "Wal-Mart DA") for a new commercial retail center on 25 acres located on the south side of San Bernardino Avenue between Willow Avenue and Riverside Avenue. This new 230,000 square foot commercial retail center will be anchored by a Wal-Mart Supercenter.

As part of the terms of the Wal-Mart DA, the Wal-Mart is responsible for constructing certain off-site improvements which would not normally be considered permissible "Conditions of Approval," subject to reimbursement from the City for some or all of the costs. These off-site improvements were identified as:

- A master plan storm drain facility from the east side of Riverside Avenue westerly along San Bernardino Avenue and then southerly on Willow Avenue to the Rialto Channel.
- A traffic signal and drainage improvements at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Willow Avenue.
- Street improvements to the east and west side of Riverside Avenue generally north of Gateway Plaza to San Bernardino Avenue, completing the street to its full width improvement standard.

In addition to these improvements the City of Rialto Transportation Commission requested other off-site improvements (not included as a requirement pursuant to the Wal-Mart DA) identified as:

- Street improvements to widen San Bernardino Avenue to its full width extending from Lilac Avenue to Willow Avenue
- Street improvements to widen San Bernardino Avenue to its full width extending from Riverside Avenue to Sycamore Avenue

Although the City approved the new commercial retail center and its associated entitlements in 2008, the City's approval was the subject of certain legal challenges that prevented the development from proceeding to construction. After nearly five years, the City prevailed in the litigation to permit the development of the Wal-Mart Supercenter on December 12, 2012.

In February 2013 staff met with representatives from the Wal-Mart development team to discuss initiating development of the site pursuant to the Wal-Mart DA. That discussion resulted in an agreement under which the City would proceed separately to design and construct the off-site improvements identified in the Wal-Mart DA, including the additional off-site improvements requested by the City's Transportation Commission (collectively the "Wal-Mart Off-Site Improvements").

The Project includes environmental, civil engineering design, right-of-way acquisition and project management services necessary to pursue CEQA environmental approvals for, and to complete the design of certain street, storm drainage and traffic signal improvements for the widening of San Bernardino Avenue, Riverside Avenue and Willow Avenue. The planned improvements include:

#### Improvements Required by the Wal-Mart DA

- Construction of a master planned storm drain facility within Willow Avenue from San Bernardino Avenue to the Rialto Channel
- Construction of a master planned storm drain facility within San Bernardino Avenue from east of Riverside Avenue to Willow Avenue
- Widening of Riverside Avenue (east side) from San Bernardino Avenue extending 600 feet southerly to its Modified Major Arterial II Cross-Section
- Modification of the existing traffic signal to accommodate street widening at the Riverside Avenue / San Bernardino Avenue intersection
- Installation of a new traffic signal at the Valley Boulevard/Willow Avenue intersection
- Widening of Riverside Avenue (east side) extending 500 feet adjacent to the properties identified by APN 0132-112-05 & 0132-112-06, to its Modified Major Arterial II Cross-Section

# <u>Supplemental Improvements Recommended by Transportation Commission</u>

- Widening of San Bernardino Avenue (south side) from Riverside Avenue to Sycamore Avenue to its Secondary Arterial Cross-Section
- Widening of San Bernardino Avenue (south side) from Lilac Avenue to Willow Avenue to its Secondary Arterial Cross-Section
- Widening of San Bernardino Avenue (north side) from Lilac Avenue extending 300 feet easterly to its Secondary Arterial Cross-Section

On January 22, 2013 the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 13-034 to solicit proposals from professional firms to provide environmental, civil engineering design and project management services related to the Project. On February 28, 2013 the Purchasing Division received a total of eleven proposals in response to the RFP from the following firms:

- 1. Albert A. Webb & Associates, Inc.; Riverside, CA
- 2. David Evans & Associates; Ontario, CA
- 3. Dokken Engineering; Folsom, CA
- 4. Engineering Resources of Southern California; San Bernardino, CA
- 5. Harris & Associates; Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 6. K&A Engineering, Inc.; Corona, CA
- 7. KOA Corporation; Ontario, CA
- 8. KWC Engineers; Corona, CA
- 9. Ludwig Engineering Associates, Inc.; San Bernardino, CA
- 10. STV, Inc.; Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 11. Wilson & Company, Inc.; San Bernardino, CA

An evaluation panel consisting of City staff reviewed the proposals which resulted in a preliminary ranking of the firm's qualifications, establishing a "short-list" of the three most qualified firms. The firms invited for formal interviews were:

- Albert A. Webb & Associates, Inc.
- Dokken Engineering
- STV, Inc.

The City held formal interviews with the three firms on May 2, 2013. As a result of presentations given at the formal interviews, the evaluation panel consensus was that Dokken Engineering ("Dokken") was the most qualified firm, based on its experience with storm drainage projects with San Bernardino County, its preparation for the formal interview, and proposed solutions to addressing certain challenges to be addressed as a part of the Project.

On May 28, 2013, the City Council approved an Agreement with Dokken Engineering for the environmental, civil engineering design, right-of-way acquisition and project management services.

### **New Janitorial Services Contract**

The Public Works Department coordinates building maintenance functions throughout the City, including janitorial services at 23 facilities.

On May 28, 2013 the City Council awarded a Janitorial contract to Commercial Cleaning System. This new contractor will increase the frequency of janitorial services from twice a week (with the current contractor) to four times a week at an overall cost savings to the City.

# **Solid Waste Management News**

## Hazardous Household Waste Collection

During the month of May, Solid Waste held their Hazardous Household Waste Collection. The total stats for the event were as follows:

- 115 Resident served
- 425 gallons of used motor oil
- 4 pallets of paint
- 11 drums of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids
- 30 gallons of antifreeze
- 5 barrels of sharps
- 15 vehicle batteries



During the month of June, the site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Garden Open House

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Community Garden Open House was a tremendous success. More than 300 residents came out to enjoy a beautiful day in the garden. Burrtec donated 80 yards of mulch that was given away to residents. They also presented a composting workshop and handed out free kitchen composting pails to those in attendance. Wal-Mart donated flowers for our planting table which was one of our most popular activities. Thank you to all those who helped make this event such a great success.







Community Clean-Up Day

Community Clean-Up Day July 13, 2013 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

The following are the events taking place during Community Clean-Up Day:

Household Hazardous Waste - Our Household Hazardous Waste Site, 246 S. Willow, will accept your used motor oil and filters, paint, household cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, batteries, syringes, fluorescent bulbs, medications and other household chemicals. We cannot accept explosives, medical waste, abandoned waste, or business waste. This site is free to all residents of San Bernardino County.

 Used Tires – Rialto City residents can bring up to 9 used tires to the Public Works Office at 335 W. Rialto Ave on Community Clean-Up days free of charge. We will not accept tires from businesses, including semitrucks.



 Electronic Waste – Bring your televisions, microwaves, computers and monitors, and other electronics to the south parking lot of City Hall to be recycled. Businesses are welcome.



• **Usable Items** – The Salvation Army will be accepting usable household items such as clean clothing, furniture, sports equipment, etc., in the south parking lot of City Hall.



• **Shred Fest** – Protect your identity. Shred your personal papers for FREE. Bring in your papers to the south parking lot of City Hall across the street from the post office.

